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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, copies of which documents are enclosed.

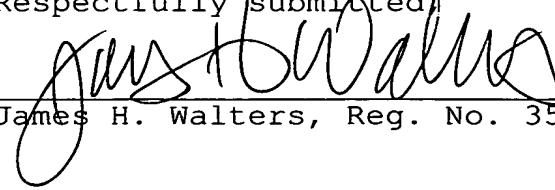
The documents were cited in the counterpart PCT patent application, and a copy of the International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210) is enclosed.

Pursuant to MPEP 609 A(3), it is believed that the indication of relevance of the non-English documents given in the International Search Report satisfies the requirement in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of relevance with respect to these non-English documents.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months following the date of filing this application.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial Form PTO-1449 to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned.

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